

# Michigan United Conservation Clubs

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*Uniting Citizens  
to Conserve,  
Protect, and  
Enhance  
Michigan's  
Natural  
Resources and  
Outdoor Heritage*

To: Members of the House Local Government and Urban Policy Committee  
Representative Hildenbrand

From: Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Date: 06/22/06

Re: Opposition to HB 6215

Michigan United Conservation Clubs is opposed to HB 6215 for the following reasons:

1. Michigan waters are held in trust for all the people of the state and should be regulated at that level. Allowing local units of government to regulate uses, even on such a small portion as Scenic Natural Rivers, is a slippery slope. Once we allow local ordinances on some state resources, where do we stop?
2. Local ordinances on sections of rivers would be difficult for the regulatory community to enforce and could deplete already insufficient enforcement resources.
3. Individuals utilizing the river will have a difficult time knowing when/ if they have crossed over the boundaries where the local ordinance is in place. Too many local ordinances requiring too much time for understanding on the part of user groups could lead to less people recreating on Michigan's beautiful waterways. Michigan counts tourism as its' second largest industry; let's keep our resources tourist and recreation friendly.